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*Lawmakers from Florida and 20+ states join Texas legislators to pressure Senate to pass the For the People Act before August Recess*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** -- Today, five of the Florida House Democratic Caucus members and more than 100 state legislators from across the country will arrive in Washington to join more than 50 Texas state representatives to demand that the Senate and President Joe Biden act now to protect voting rights.

The coordinated Week of Action will urge the Senate to do whatever it takes to immediately pass the *For the People Act*. State legislators will kick off the Week of Action on **Tuesday, August 3** with a “*Recess Can Wait - Our Democracy Can’t*” rally featuring a lineup of elected officials calling on Congress to put the August recess on hold until the *For the People Act* is passed. During the [Week of Action](#), several Democratic Florida State Representatives will also take part in a series of events and meetings with federal lawmakers throughout the week to underscore the urgent need to pass legislation protecting the right to vote before the end of summer and undo anti-voter laws in time for the 2022 midterm elections.

The freedom to vote is under unprecedented attack by extremist lawmakers in states across the country. House Democratic Caucus members are joining their counterparts from around the country to demand that Congress act now to counter dozens of states laws that restrict the freedom to vote.

In 2021 alone, 18 states have enacted 30 laws that make it harder for Americans to vote. During the 2021 Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature approved [SB 90](#), the voter suppression bill, which the Governor then signed into law.

“It was not too long ago that repressive voting laws were repealed thanks to the

valiant work of American heroes and leaders like Fannie Lou Hamer, former Congressman John Lewis, and Martin Luther King, Jr. I applaud and stand beside my colleagues **Representatives Anna V. Eskamani (Orlando), Yvonne Hinson (D-Gainesville), Travaris McCurdy (D-Orlando), Carlos Guillermo Smith (D-Orlando), and Patricia Williams (D-Pompano Beach)** in advocating for and standing up for all Floridians' voting rights. I urge our U.S. Senators to act immediately and prevent more voter suppression laws like Florida's SB 90 from becoming law in other states. Action must be taken to preserve our democracy and honor the legacy of our American heroes by passing the *For the People Act* now," said House Democratic Caucus **Co-Leader Bobby DuBose (Ft. Lauderdale)**.

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